

## REMARKS

The Office, in a communication mailed December 29, 2005, states that the above-captioned application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as the claims recite polypeptides encoded by oligonucleotides that are greater than 4 amino acid residues in length and include  $(P-K)_n$  where  $n$  is superior to 2, or  $n$  is equal to 3 or greater, or  $n$  is equal to 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 15; or that comprises  $K(P-K)_4$  or  $2K(P-K)_4$ . Applicants have therefore provided a replacement Sequence Listing that includes sequences corresponding to  $K(P-K)_4$ ,  $2K(P-K)_4$ ,  $K(P-K)_4$  EF  $K(P-K)_4$ , and  $(P-K)_n$ , where  $n$  is 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 15 or where  $n$  is 30 or fewer. The specification and claims of the present application have been amended to incorporate sequence identifiers, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(d). The replacement Sequence Listing contains no general sequence for formula  $(P-K)_n$ , where  $n$  is superior to 2 or  $n$  is equal to 3 or greater, as this formula does not recite a maximum length.

Further, the text “in the form of a sequence  $K(P-K)_4$  EF  $K(P-K)_4$  (SEQ ID NO:24)” has been added to the paragraph starting at page 24, line 11 of the English language specification. Support for this change may be found, for example, in Figure 3 and at page 20, line 17 of the English language specification.

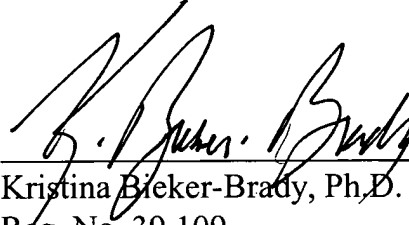
No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office communication for 1 month, to and including February 28, 2006, and a check in payment of the required extension fee in the amount of \$120.00. If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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